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THE KETCHESON FAMILY

In 1783, when the Americans were granted their independence by Great Britain, many people left the new republic. Some left because they were determined to live under the British flag; others because they had fought with the British army, and still others because they were regarded as British sympathizers by the Revolutionaries and accordingly mistreated.

Many of these people, known to us as the United Empire Loyalists, crossed the seas to Britain or the British West Indies, while others stayed on this continent, going to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Canada.

Among the U. E. Loyalists who sailed from New York City to Nova Scotia, were William Ketcheson, his wife Mary, and their infant son.

A native of Yorkshire, England, William Ketcheson had served in the British Army during the Revolutionary War, and afterward settled near Port Mouton, Nova Scotia.

In 1784 fire swept through that settlement, and Ketcheson soon moved westward to the Hay Bay section of Fredericksburgh Township.

By the year 1800 the Ketcheson family had seven growing sons of sturdy pioneer stock and training, which indicated the desirability of obtaining extensive land holdings. Accordingly land grants of 600 acres were obtained in the fifth concession of Sidney Township, where the family continued to grow.

Today, descendants of William Ketcheson are to be found in almost every Canadian province and in many American states as well.

During the years, old

family have been preparing a genealogical history of the Ketcheson family.

Their labors reached a successful conclusion in December with the publication of an attractive 72-page book. This genealogical history came as a pleasant Christmas present to several hundred subscribers.

Dedicated to "Those Intrepid United Empire Loyalist Pioneers" who came to Upper Canada to establish new homes, the book was published by a committee headed by Cecil B. Ketcheson of Halloway. Others active on the committee included Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Franklin of Albert College, Belleville, James R. B. Ketcheson of Kingston, Samuel Morton Ketcheson of Toronto and E. Claude Young of Wellington.

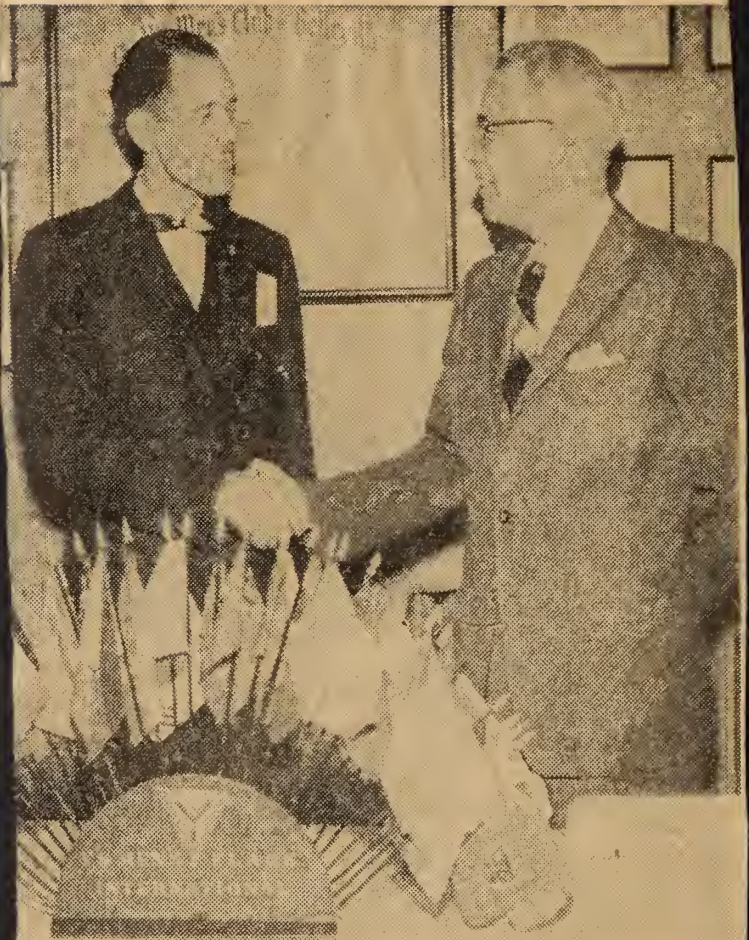
All of these people deserve the thanks of the descendants of William Ketcheson as well as of all historically-minded persons. The publication of this book is a milestone in the genealogical records of Ontario.

As research editor, Claude Young is particularly to be congratulated. The task of compiling this book was certainly a formidable one. Some idea of the magnitude of the work can be seen in its length (72 pages), the thousands of names included, and the fact that one of William Ketcheson's children, (William), had, in turn, 15 children, 81 grandchildren and 228 great grandchildren.

The book is handsomely printed and has pictures of William Ketcheson and several of his children.

Some of the Loyalist families that have intermarried with the Ketchesons include the Bleecker, Bogart, Canniff, Denyes, Farley, Foster, Fralick, Gilbert, Herkimer, Meyers, Ostrom, F. W. ner, Roblin, Rose, Thrasher, Vanderw. Vermilyea families.

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since 1926. Y's
Watson (left)

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which the Y's Men put on for the city
council.

Council Members Mayor, Guests Of Y's Men's Club

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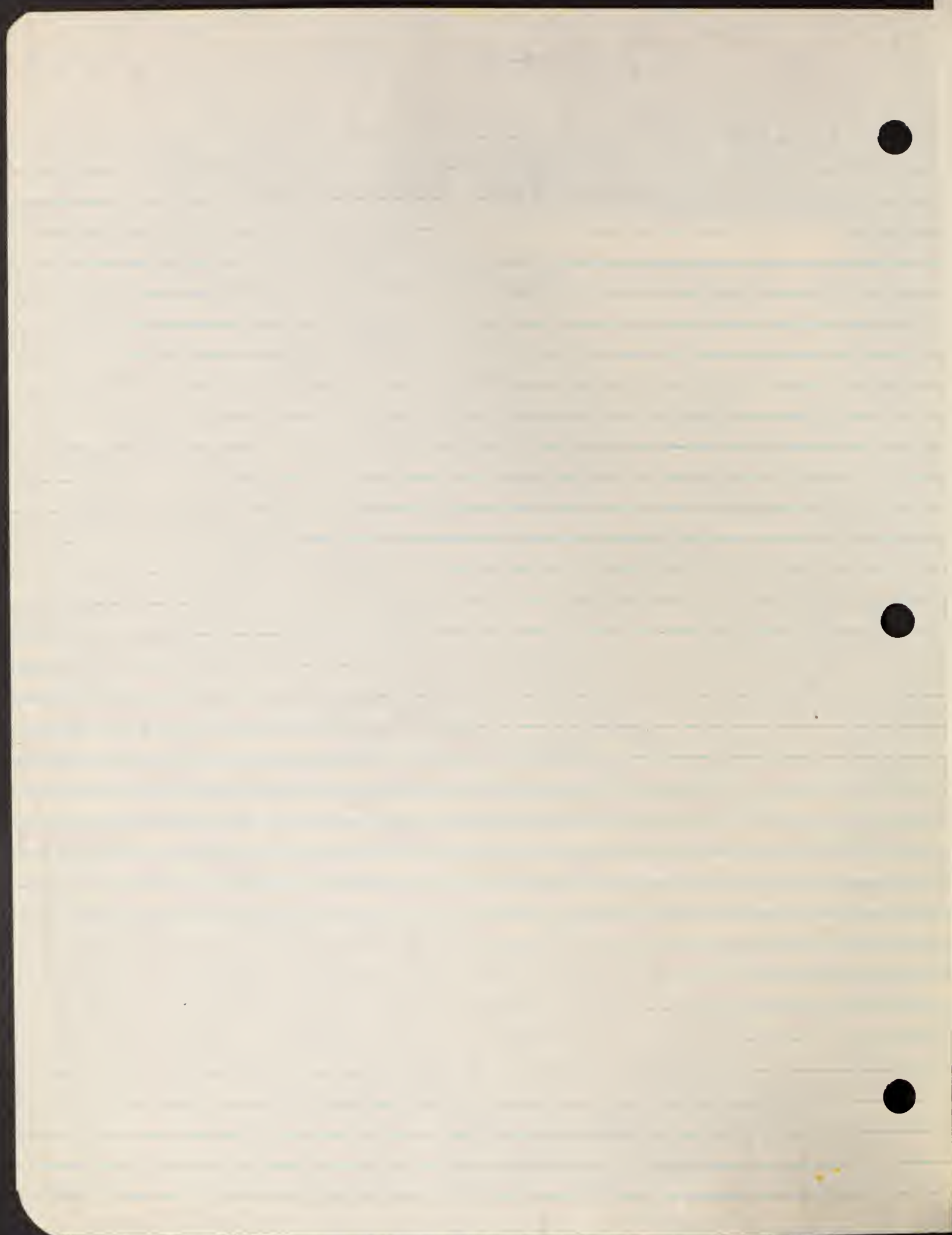
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Kitcheson Genealogy

Col. William Kitcheson Branch
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Theodore Foster 1899 + Opal Irish 1899-1945



Eligibility for Membership,
Bay of Quinte Branch
U. E. L. Association.

Ketcheson

24 Aug., 1956

Wm. Ketcheson--Mary Rull

Philip Roblin U.E.

Wm. Ketcheson----- Nancy Roblin (or Ann)

John R. Ketcheson--Hannah Young

Philip Roblin Ketcheson

Minnie Gatra Ketcheson--Benson OHara Amy Ann Ketcheson--John Newton

Minnie Lazelle O'Hara
sisters

Eliza Ann Newton--Francis West Maines

Blanche Victoria
Arka Myrtle
Jenny Helena Florence
Agnes Aileen Ketcheson

Frederick Jas. Thompson Maines
brothers & sisters
Harry
Charlotte Elizabeth
John Ketcheson
William Newton
Francis Richard

Colleen O'Hara Maines Oliver,
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